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REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed July 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In the office action, the examiner finally rejected the claims over Lafontaine 6,500,186. This is the first time this patent was cited, and applicants submit that it does not constitute prior art.

This application is a continuation of 09/869,661, filed June 19, 2001, which was a national entry from PCT application GB 99/0449, which was published July 7, 2000 as WO 00/38591. The PCT application was filed December 23, 1999 and claimed priority to